

COUNTRY YOUTH

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Advancing sustainable, inclusive, science and evidence based solutions for the 2030 agenda and its SDGs for leaving no young person behind in Asia and the Pacific



CHINA

Sustainable development requires a holistic and inclusive approach, integrating social, economic, and environmental factors. National policies must be anchored in scientific evidence and measurable outcomes to align with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Integrating sustainability into national planning ensures long-term resilience and promotes a healthy, equitable, and environmentally secure society.

Despite progress in various sectors, challenges remain in healthcare, education, employment, gender equality, and environmental protection. Urbanization and changing lifestyles have further led to concerns regarding public health, physical activity, and access to safe recreational spaces for youth and children. There is an urgent need for sustainable public infrastructure, behavior-driven energy solutions, and community-led initiatives to address these challenges and ensure that no one is left behind.

Recommendations

Our recommendations for China on selected SDGs to achieve optimum target are as follows-

SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being

- Promote active urban living by integrating interactive, gamified, and movement-based public fitness infrastructure into city planning.
- Enshrine children's right to play in national development strategies, ensuring that urban spaces foster healthy childhood development.

- Invest in sustainable recreational infrastructure and kinetic energy solutions, making clean energy a fundamental component of urban planning. Cities should invest in carbon-neutral smart parks, interactive recreational spaces, and sustainable playgrounds to promote public well-being and environmental sustainability.
- Leverage AI-driven healthcare advancements and genomic sequencing to improve public health outcomes and build future-ready medical systems.
- Increase investment and funding for youth friendly, affordable, high-quality medical facilities and services, including mental health, Sexual and reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) information and services, for young people particularly in rural, and hard to reach areas.

SDG 5: Gender Equality

- Promote empowerment of women and marginalised communities.
- Implement targeted policy incentives to enhance female leadership and remove structural barriers in political and corporate sectors.
- Allocate resources for the development of disability-friendly infrastructure, ensuring equitable access for all citizens.
- Implement Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE), for reducing adolescent pregnancy, and VAW that disproportionately impacts the lives of women and girls.

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SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth

- Address Youth Unemployment and Economic Gaps.
- Reform economic and education policies bridging the gap between industry demands and workforce readiness.
- Promote sustainable employment strategies to integrate green jobs, community-led innovations, and social entrepreneurship, particularly in emerging sectors such as renewable energy and urban sustainability.

SDG 14: Life Below Water

- Strengthen governance for marine conservation.
- Integrate science-based policies to balance land and sea governance, preserving marine ecosystems as national and global heritage.
- Expand successful marine restoration projects, such as those in Bohai Bay to ensure the long-term sustainability of ocean resources.

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